

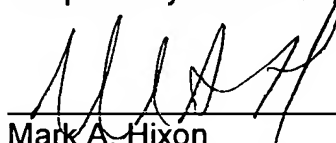
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to eliminate multiple dependencies and to adapt the specification and claims to U.S. patent practice.

Original claims 1-23 have been canceled. New claims 24-42 have been added and are currently pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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